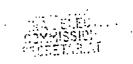


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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463



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March 27, 2015

SENSITIVE

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona DC
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

KOR

BY:

Kristin D. Roser/Sari Pickerall

Reports Analysis Division Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2014 12 Day Pre-General Report

(Unauthorized Quarterly Filers) for the Administrative Fine Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file or timely file the 2014 12 Day Pre-General Report in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)). The list is comprised of unauthorized quarterly filers that made General Election contributions or expenditures from October 1, 2014 through October 15, 2014, and failed to file or timely file the 2014 12 Day Pre-General Report.

The committees appearing on the 2014 12 Day Pre-General Report list failed to file the report prior to four (4) days before the General Election (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties indicated in the attachments.

As noted above, the 2014 12 Day Pre-General Report circulation list includes unauthorized quarterly filers that made General Election contributions or expenditures from October 1, 2014 through October 15, 2014, but failed to file or timely file the 2014 12 Day Pre-General Election report. In order to accurately identify these committees for administrative fine purposes, the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) used the following procedures and criteria:

- Every 12 Day Pre-General Report (12G) submitted by an unauthorized quarterly filer was
 reviewed to ensure that it disclosed General Election contributions or expenditures made
 during the coverage dates of the report. Any report meeting this definition that was filed late
 is included in the list. Any report not disclosing general election contributions or
 expenditures during this period is not included in the list, as it is not a required filing.
- Every 30 Day Post-General Report (30G) submitted by an unauthorized quarterly filer that covered the period from October 1, 2014 through November 24, 2014 (55 days) was reviewed for activity which would have required the filing of a 12G. If our research indicated that a 12G was required, we utilized a three-step method to arrive at the activity on which to base the 12G fine amount. First, we took the sum of all itemized receipts and disbursements that should have been disclosed on a 12G. Second, if the committee had any unitemized activity, a per diem level of this activity was calculated by multiplying the total amount of unitemized activity on the report by 27% (15 days (12G Filing Period)/55 days (30G Filing Period)). Third, we took the sum of the amounts calculated in steps one and two to arrive at the level of activity assigned to the 12G.

Recommendation

- 1. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers listed on the RTB Circulation Reports violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Reports.
- 2. Send the appropriate letters.

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| RTB Penalty | 3660 | 066\$ | 099\$ | \$1,090 | \$550 | \$3,300 | \$550 | \$1,090 | \$1,090 | \$550 |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| LOA | \$5,008 (est) | \$6,000 | \$6,682 (est) | \$12,500 | \$2,000 | \$55,940 | \$3.624 | \$20,500 | \$10,136 | \$1,000 |
| Days Late | Not Filed | Not Filed | Not Filed | Not Filed | Not Filed | Not Filed | Not Filed | Not Filed | Not Filed | Not Filed |
| Receipt Date | 12/12/2014 | 12/23/2014 | 12/4/2014 | 12/3/2014 | 1/6/2015 | 12/21/2014 | 12/5/2014 | 12/6/2014 | 12/29/2014 | 12/3/2014 |
| 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Threshold | \$196,512 | \$173,776 | \$254,192 | \$274,707 | \$179,909 | \$351,343 | \$290,124 | \$184,548 | \$555,622 | \$207,240 |
| Treasurer | RICK DARNOLD | DAVID W. HAYS | JONATHAN | SCOTT O. STANFIELD | WILLIAM G. IMBERGAMO | REID LEBEAU | JULIAN BROGGIO | JENNIFER G. MITCHELL | LISA J. VIENNA | JOHN KEELING, JR. |
| Candidate Name | | | | | | | | | | |
| Committee Name | BOYD GAMING POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE | CHIANG PATEL AND YERBY INC PAC | DRINKER BIDDLE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE | DRUMMOND COMPANY, INC. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (DPAC) | FEDERAL FOREST RESOURCE COALITION PAC (FFRC PAC) | ICE PAC | M&T BANK AND WILMINGTON TRUST POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE | MOVING AMERICA FORWARD | NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTORS RESPONSIBLE DISTRIBUTION POLITICAL ACTION CO | NATIONAL POTATO COUNCIL POTATO POLITICAL ACTION COMMITEE |
| Committee ID | C00142315 | C00420125 | 2912 C00370759 | C00160630 | 2914 C00504753 | 2915 C00484667 | 2916 C00137273 | C00375451 | C00379180 | 2919 C00154104 |
| AF# | 2910 | 2911 | 2912 | 2913 | 2914 | 2915 | 2916 | 2917 | 2918 | 2919 |

| \$6,600 | \$550 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| \$151,606 | \$2,763 (est) |
| Not Filed | Not Filed |
| 1/30/2015 Not Filed | 11/25/2014 Not Filed |
| 0 | |
| \$874,976 | \$134,172 |
| F. PHILIP FIERMONTE | TAYLOR CHRISTINE |
| | |
| PROGRESSIVE VOTERS OF AMERICA | VIGOR PAC |
| 2921 C00406553 | 2923 C00542514 |
| 2921 | 2923 |
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

| In the Matter of |) | |
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| Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2014 |) | |
| 12 Day Pre-General Report (Unauthorized | ` | |
| Quarterly Filers) for the Administrative | í | |
| Fine Program: | í | |
| BOYD GAMING POLITICAL ACTION |) AF# | 2910 |
| COMMITTEE, and DARNOLD, RICK as |) | |
| treasurer; | í | |
| CHIANG PATEL AND YERBY INC PAC, |) AF# | 2911 |
| and DAVID W HAYS as treasurer; | j | |
| DRINKER BIDDLE POLITICAL ACTION |) AF# | 2912 |
| COMMITTEE, and TARNOW, |) | |
| JONATHAN as treasurer; |) | |
| DRUMMOND COMPANY, INC. |) AF# | 2913 |
| POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE |) | |
| (DPAC), and STANFIELD, SCOTT O. |) | |
| MR. as treasurer; |) | • |
| FEDERAL FOREST RESOURCE |) AF# | 2914 |
| COALITION PAC (FFRC PAC), and |) | |
| IMBERGAMO, WILLIAM G. as treasurer; |) | |
| ICE PAC, and LEBEAU, REID as |) AF# | 2915 |
| treasurer; |) . | |
| M&T BANK AND WILMINGTON |) AF# | 2916 |
| TRUST POLITICAL ACTION |) | |
| COMMITTEE, and BROGGIO, JULIAN |) | |
| MR. as treasurer; |) | |
| MOVING AMERICA FORWARD, and |) AF# | 2917 |
| MITCHELL, JENNIFER G MS. as |) | |
| treasurer; |) | |
| NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF |) AF# | 2918 |
| CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTORS |) | |
| RESPONSIBLE DISTRIBUTION |) | |
| POLITICAL ACTION CO, and LISA J. |) | |
| VIENNA as treasurer; |) | |
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| NATIONAL POTATO COUNCIL POTATO POLITICAL ACTION COMMITEE, and KEELING, JOHN MR. JR. as treasurer; |) AF# 2919)) | |
| PROGRESSIVE VOTERS OF AMERICA, and FIERMONTE, F. PHILIP as treasurer; |) AF# 2921) | |
| VIGOR PAC, and LUBY, TAYLOR CHRISTINE as treasurer; |) AF# 2923 | |

CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on March 31, 2015 the Commission took the

following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2014 12 Day Pre
General Report (Unauthorized Quarterly Filers) for the Administrative Fine Program

as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated March 27,

2015, on the following committees:

AF#2910 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that BOYD GAMING POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and DARNOLD, RICK as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2911 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CHIANG PATEL AND YERBY INC PAC, and DAVID W HAYS as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate

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letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2912 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that DRINKER BIDDLE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and TARNOW, JONATHAN as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2913 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that DRUMMOND COMPANY, INC. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (DPAC), and STANFIELD, SCOTT O. MR. as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2914 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that FEDERAL FOREST RESOURCE COALITION PAC (FFRC PAC), and IMBERGAMO, WILLIAM G. as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2915 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that ICE PAC, and LEBEAU, REID as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2916 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that M&T BANK AND WILMINGTON TRUST POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and BROGGIO, JULIAN MR. as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2917 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that MOVING AMERICA FORWARD, and MITCHELL, JENNIFER G MS. as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#2918 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTORS RESPONSIBLE DISTRIBUTION POLITICAL ACTION CO, and LISA J. VIENNA as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2919 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NATIONAL POTATO COUNCIL POTATO POLITICAL ACTION COMMITEE, and KEELING, JOHN MR. JR. as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2921 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PROGRESSIVE VOTERS OF AMERICA, and FIERMONTE, F. PHILIP as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2923 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that VIGOR PAC, and LUBY, TAYLOR CHRISTINE as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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Attest:

hawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



April 1, 2015

F. Philip Fiermonte, in official capacity as Treasurer Progressive Voters of America P.O. Box 852
Burlington, VT 05402

C00406553 AF#: 2921

Dear Mr. Fiermonte:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a 12 Day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Disbursements in a calendar year during which there is a regularly scheduled election. This report is required if your committee makes a contribution to or expenditure on behalf of a candidate in the general election. This report, covering the period October 1, 2014, through October 15, 2014, shall be filed no later than October 23, 2014. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)). Because records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that you did not file this report prior to four (4) days before the General Election held on November 4, 2014, the report is considered not filed for the purpose of calculating the civil money penalty.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)). 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(4)). On March 31, 2015, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Progressive Voters of America and you, as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) by failing to file timely this report on or before October 23, 2014. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$6,600. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 CFR §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. 11 CFR § 111.34. Your payment of \$6,600 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by May 10, 2015, and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$151,606

Number of Days Late: Not Filed (reports not filed prior to four (4) days before the General Election held on November 4, 2014 are considered not filed for the purpose of calculating the penalty)

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must include the AF# (found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number) and be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or May 10, 2015. 11 CFR § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 CFR § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 CFR & 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 CFR § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 CFR § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. District Court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109 (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g). 11 CFR § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Progressive Voters of America and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate

action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 CFR § 111.51(a)(2).

3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, send the enclosed remittance form, along with your payment, to the FEC at the address on page 4. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

4. Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination.

5. Settlement Offers

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, including a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order, will be rejected. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2)). Unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public, it will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B)) and 30109(a)(12)(A) (formerly 437g(a)(12)(A)) until it is placed on the public record at the conclusion of this matter in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Sari Pickerall in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

M Ravel

Ann M. Ravel

Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$6,600 for the 2014 Pre-General Report.

Please mail this remittance with a check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission to the following address:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your remittance and payment by courier or overnight delivery, please use this address:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

The remittance and your payment are due by May 10, 2015. Upon receipt of your remittance and payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Progressive Voters of America

FEC ID#: C00406553

AF#: 2921

PAYMENT DUE DATE: May 10, 2015

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$6,600

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June 10, 2015

SENSITIVE

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock 900

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY:

Kristin D. Roser/Sari Pickerall

Reports Analysis Division

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Administrative Fine Program -

Final Determination Recommendation for the

2014 12 Day Pre-General Report (Unauthorized Quarterly Filers)

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed proposed civil money penalties calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2014 12 Day Pre-General Report (Unauthorized Quarterly Filers). The committees have paid the civil money penalties requested at RTB.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to the respondents that have paid the civil money penalties.

Also, one (1) committee detailed below designated a new Treasurer after the RTB finding:

 Boyd Gaming Political Action Committee (AF 2910) filed an Amended Statement of Organization after the RTB finding designating William J. Noonan as Treasurer.

RAD Recommendation

- (2) Make a final determination that the political committees and their treasurers listed on the attached report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalties so indicated.
- (3) Send the appropriate letters.

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| * | Confinitee Name | Name | | reasurer | Receipt Date Days Late | Days Lake | 5 | 2 | A D Date | N D County | Penalty | | Paid |
| 2910 | BOYD GAMING POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE | | C00142315 | WILLIAM J. NOONAN | 04/10/2015 | Not Filed | \$5,000 | O | 03/31/2015 | \$660 | 0998 | 05/08/2015 | \$660 |
| 2911 | 공 | | C00420125 | DAVID W. HAYS | 12/23/2014 | Not Filed | \$6,000 | 2 | 03/31/2015 | 066\$ | 066\$ | 04/20/2015 | 066\$ |
| 2912 | DRINKER | | C00370759 | JONATHAN TARNOW | 12/04/2014 | Not Filed | \$6,790 | 0 | 03/31/2015 | \$660 | 0998 | 04/15/2015 | \$660 |
| 2913 | ō ≤ | | C00160630 | SCOTT 0, STANFIELD | 12/03/2014 | Not Filed | \$12,500 | 0 | 03/31/2015 | \$1,090 | \$1.090 | 05/11/2015 | \$1.090 |
| 2914 | 2914 RESOURCE COALITION PAC (FFRC PAC) | | C00504753 | WILLIAM G. IMBERGAMO | 01/06/2015 | Not Filed | \$2,000 | 0 | 03/31/2015 | \$550 | \$550 | 05/13/2015 | \$550 |
| 2915 | | | C00484667 | REID LEBEAU | 12/21/2014 | Not Filed | \$55,940 | 0 | 03/31/2015 | \$3,300 | \$3,300 | 05/04/2015 | \$3,300 |
| 2916 | > | | C00137273 | JULIAN BROGGIO | 12/05/2014 | Not Filed | \$3,624 | 0 | 03/31/2015 | \$550 | \$550 | 05/12/2015 | \$550 |
| 2917 | MOVING AMERICA FORWARD | | C00375451 | JENNIFER G. MITCHELL | 12/06/2014 | Not Filed | \$20,500 | 0 | 03/31/2015 | \$1,090 | \$1,090 | 04/27/2015 | \$1,090 |
| 2918 | NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTORS RESPONSIBLE DISTRIBUTION POLITICAL ACTION CO | | C00379180 | LISA J. VIENNA | 12/29/2014 | Not Filed | \$10,136 | 0 | 03/31/2015 | \$1,090 | \$1.090 | 04/21/2015 | \$1.090 |
| 2919 | | | C00154104 | JOHN KEELING, JR. | 12/03/2014 | Not Filed | \$1,000 | 0 | 03/31/2015 | \$550 | \$550 | 04/10/2015 | \$550 |
| 2921 | PROGR | | C00406553 | F. PHILIP FIERMONTE | 01/30/2015 | Not Filed | \$151,606 | 0 | 03/31/2015 | \$6,600 | \$6,600 | 05/11/2015 | \$6,600 |
| 2923 | VIGOR PAC | | C00542514 | TAYLOR CHRISTINE LUBY | 11/25/2014 | Not Filed | \$2,584 | 0 | 03/31/2015 | \$550 | \$550 | 05/19/2015 | \$550 |

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

| In the Matter of |) |
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| Administrative Fines Final Determination | í |
| Recommendation for the 12 Day Pre- | Ś |
| General Report (Unauthorized Quarterly | · Ś |
| Filers): | j |
| BOYD GAMING POLITICAL ACTION |) AF# 2910 |
| COMMITTEE, and NOONAN, WILLIAM |) . |
| J. as treasurer; |) |
| CHIANG PATEL AND YERBY INC PAC, |) AF# 2911 |
| and DAVID W HAYS as treasurer; |) |
| DRINKER BIDDLE POLITICAL ACTION |) AF# 2912 |
| COMMITTEE, and TARNOW, |) |
| JONATHAN as treasurer; |) |
| DRUMMOND COMPANY, INC. |) AF# 2913 |
| POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE |) |
| (DPAC), and STANFIELD, SCOTT O. | ·) |
| MR. as treasurer; |) |
| FEDERAL FOREST RESOURCE |) AF# 2914 |
| COALITION PAC (FFRC PAC), and |) |
| IMBERGAMO, WILLIAM G. as treasurer; |) |
| ICE PAC, and LEBEAU, REID as |) AF# 2915 |
| treasurer; |) |
| M&T BANK AND WILMINGTON |) AF# 2916 |
| TRUST POLITICAL ACTION |) |
| COMMITTEE, and BROGGIO, JULIAN |) |
| MR. as treasurer; |) |
| MOVING AMERICA FORWARD, and |) AF# 2917 |
| MITCHELL, JENNIFER G MS. as |) |
| treasurer; |) |
| NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF |) AF# 2918 |
| CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTORS |) |
| RESPONSIBLE DISTRIBUTION |) |
| POLITICAL ACTION CO, and LISA J. |) . |
| VIENNA as treasurer; |) . |
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| NATIONAL POTATO COUNCIL |) AF# 2919 |
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| POTATO POLITICAL ACTION |) |
| COMMITEE, and KEELING, JOHN MR. |) |
| JR. as treasurer; |) |
| PROGRESSIVE VOTERS OF AMERICA, |) AF# 2921 |
| and FIERMONTE, F. PHILIP as treasurer; |) |
| VIGOR PAC, and LUBY, TAYLOR |) AF# 2923 |
| CHRISTINE as treasurer: |) |

CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on June 12, 2015 the Commission took the

following actions on the Administrative Fines Final Determination Recommendation

for the 12 Day Pre-General Report (Unauthorized Quarterly Filers) as recommended

in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated June 10, 2015, on the

following committees:

AF#2910 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that BOYD GAMING POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and NOONAN, WILLIAM J. as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2911 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that CHIANG PATEL AND YERBY INC PAC, and DAVID W HAYS as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2912 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that DRINKER BIDDLE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and TARNOW, JONATHAN as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter.

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Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2913 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that DRUMMOND COMPANY, INC. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (DPAC), and STANFIELD, SCOTT O. MR. as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2914 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that FEDERAL FOREST RESOURCE COALITION PAC (FFRC PAC), and IMBERGAMO, WILLIAM G. as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2915 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that ICE PAC, and LEBEAU, REID as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2916 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that M&T BANK AND WILMINGTON TRUST POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and BROGGIO, JULIAN MR. as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2917 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that MOVING AMERICA FORWARD, and MITCHELL, JENNIFER G MS. as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2918 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTORS RESPONSIBLE DISTRIBUTION POLITICAL ACTION CO, and LISA J. VIENNA as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2919 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that NATIONAL POTATO COUNCIL POTATO POLITICAL ACTION COMMITEE, and

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KEELING, JOHN MR. JR. as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2921 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that PROGRESSIVE VOTERS OF AMERICA, and FIERMONTE, F. PHILIP as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#2923 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that VIGOR PAC, and LUBY, TAYLOR CHRISTINE as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. 434(a)) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



June 15, 2015

F. Philip Fiermonte, in official capacity as Treasurer Progressive Voters of America P.O. Box 852
Burlington, VT 05402

C00406553 AF#: 2921

Dear Mr. Fiermonte:

On March 31, 2015, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Progressive Voters of America and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)) for filing late or failing to file the 2014 Pre-General Report. By letter dated April 1, 2015, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage totaling \$6,600 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43.

On May 11, 2015, the FEC received payment of the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage. The FEC made a final determination on June 12, 2015 that Progressive Voters of America and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)), assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$6,600 in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43, and voted to close the file.

The confidentiality provisions at 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)) no longer apply and this matter is now public. Pursuant to 11 CFR §§ 111.42(b) and 111.20(c), the file will be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of this notification.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Sari Pickerall on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

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Ann M. Ravel

Chair

Progressive Voters of America

Helping to elect progressive candidates at the federal, state and local level.

PO BOX 852 • BURLINGTON, VT 05402

May 5, 2015

The Honorable Ann M. Ravel Chair Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

Re:

Progressive Voters of America (C00406553)

Administrative Fine AF#: 2921 Administrative Fine AF#: 2944

Dear Chair Ravel,

This is in response to your letters dated April 1 (AF#2921) and April 2, 2015 (AF#2944).

We acknowledge that we neglected to file the 12 day Pre-General Report of Receipts and Disbursements and the 30 day Post-General Report of Receipts and Disbursements before the filing deadlines and have enclosed checks to pay for each of the administrative fines for these infractions. This was an inadvertent mistake. As you know, we have since filed both reports with the FEC.

We will make certain to be diligent to comply with all filing deadlines in the future.

Please note that we have submitted separate payments for each of the above-referenced Administrative Fines and have included a copy of this letter as part of each payment submission. We hereby request that this letter be made part of the public record for both matters.

Sincerely.

F. Philip Fiermonte

Treasurer



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PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Progressive Voters of America

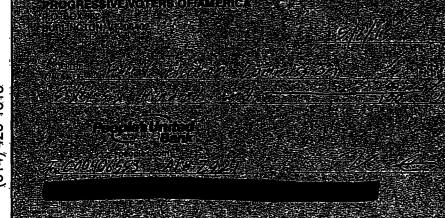
FEC ID#: C00406553

AF#: 2921

PAYMENT DUE DATE: May 10, 2015

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$6,600

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Amount \$6,600.00



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| THIS IS THE END OF | ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE # 292/ |
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